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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT,  
WINFIELD SCOTT HANCOCK, OF PENN.  
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
WILLIAM H. ENGLISH, OF INDIANA.  
ELECTORS AT LARGE,  
John Kehoe, of Augusta.  
P. W. McKinney, of Prince Edward.  
DISTRICT ELECTORS,  
First District, Thomas Croxson, of Essex.  
Second District, L. R. Watts, of Portsmouth.  
Third District, Hill Carter, of Hanover.  
Fourth District, S. P. Coleman, of Cumberland.  
Fifth District, James S. Reid, of Henry.  
Sixth District, Samuel Griffin, of Bedford.  
Seventh District, F. M. McMullan, of Greene.  
Eighth District, J. Y. Menifoe, of Rappahannock.  
Ninth District, R. K. Henry, of Tidewater.

THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 19.

The recent decision of Judge Hughes with regard to the responsibility of the directors of savings banks for the acts of the other officers of such banks may be the means of securing the unfortunate sufferers by the failure of the Savings Bank of this city, if not the whole amount of their deposits, at least another dividend.

The pilgrimage of the Knights Templars to Chicago, if the telegraphic reports be credited, is likely to prove almost as disastrous as some of those of their predecessors in old times to the Holy Land, for one knight has already bitten the dust and two hundred more are in the hospital. The result of this pilgrimage will probably put a stop to such large and extended ones, at least for some years.

The circus here yesterday was not well attended. But that was not strange. The remarkable thing about it was the proof it afforded that there still are people who, year after year, at the expense of money and inconvenience, will go to see the same tricks and hear the same jokes that they have been familiar with over their childhood. But as such has been the case, at least since the beginning of recorded time, it will doubtless continue to be so until the end.

The Mahonites are emphatic in their denial of certain specifically mentioned times and occasions of their attempts at collusion with the republicans, but the most audacious among them will hardly deny the general charge that since the organization of their party, their constant effort has been to form alliances with the republicans, and that in numerous instances they have succeeded. This is known to all Virginians, and its denial would, consequently, be useless.

The Richmond Whig says there is no democratic party in Virginia. Judging from the course the Whig has recently pursued any reasonable man would suppose that its object has certainly been to destroy the democratic party in Virginia, but its efforts have been in vain. There is a democratic party in Virginia, and the majority it will roll up for Hancock next November will surprise the radicals, who have been led to believe that the Mahonites have caused such a division in its ranks that they can win the vote of the State. We don't believe the Mahonites will be disappointed.

There is no doubt that such a physical defect as color blindness exists, but certain people in the New England States, have, characteristically, run it in the ground, made an item of it, and, in Connecticut, by radical legislation, have made it the cause of depriving many families of their only means of support, by rendering those afflicted with it legally incompetent to perform duties that they have been performing satisfactorily for years past, and who are efficient now as they ever were. The democratic convention of that State yesterday protested against this legislation and demanded its repeal, and have thereby, it is supposed, gained the votes of the sufferers and of all their friends.

As the U. S. Congress has no more to do with the settlement of the State debt of Virginia than it has to do with the suppression of nihilism in Russia, and as Gen. Williams, in his speech, yesterday, acquiescing the readjusters' nomination for the House of Representatives, confined his remarks solely to matters relating to the State debt, he gave neither the democrats nor republicans any reasons for voting for him in preference to the nominees of their own parties; and as nobody, even if he possessed the head of Daniel Webster and the mouth of Henry Clay, could give such reasons, it isn't probable that the General will receive a very large vote, certainly not large enough to defeat the nominee of the democratic convention, whoever he may be.

The Winchester newspapers very naturally want the nominee of the congressional conservative convention that will assemble here next week to be a citizen of their town, but their claim that the Valley portion of the district is entitled to the nomination is by no means without a flaw. Then, too, a great many voters in the district credit the Valley with the present representative, inasmuch as in his contest with Mr. Barbour the latter had a majority this side of the ridge, and was only defeated by the vote of the counties on the other side, especially by that of Frederick. But the claim the Valley thus established upon the friends of the successful candidate it forfeited at the last convention by making him pledge himself to retire upon the conclusion of his present term, and no part of the Valley was more rigorous in exacting this pledge than Winchester. The convention, however, we have no doubt, will consider fairly the claims of all sections of the district, and

render a just decision by giving the nomination to that which has the strongest.

From Ryder's photograph and art gallery, Cleveland, Ohio, we have received two very well conceived chromes, illustrative of the "boom" in iron.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 19, 1880.  
Senator Harris, of Tennessee, who has been in the city for a day or two, will leave to-day for his home, and enter at once upon an active canvass of his State in favor of the debt paying wing of his party. He says that there is no far about the electoral vote of the State, as both wings have agreed to support the national democratic ticket, and that there can be no fusion or coalition between the repudiating wing and the republicans, for that the latter, unlike those in Virginia, are as much opposed to repudiation as the most pronounced debt paying democrat. He is not so confident, however, about the State ticket, and seems to think that should the repudiators succeed in dividing into anything like equal portions the democratic party the republicans may get possession of the State government.

Among the numerous evidences of the decay and disintegration of the republican party now patent none is more convincing to people who live here than the defection that exists among the men in the departments who have formerly acted with that party. The bureau are rotten to the core, some of the chiefs even acknowledge to those upon whom fidelity they can rely that they are Harlock men. Of course it would be both unwise and improper to mention names in this connection, but the fact is well known that no little part of the means and influence that will be employed in the election of Hancock will be furnished by men now holding positions under the government, some of them prominent ones, and who have heretofore been good republicans. These men know that the handwriting is on the wall, and are wise enough not to shut their eyes to it.

Judge Field has returned to the city from his summer's recreation. In speaking of him, Judge Sunderland, of California, how here, says that his decisions in the Chinese cases would have lost him the vote of the Pacific States had he been the nominee of the Cincinnati convention. A prominent young lawyer from California also here says the democrats of his State are better organized than they ever were before, and that Hancock's record being blank on the Chinese question, and Garfield's so pronounced in favor of the Chinese, that the former is the favorite of all the anti-Chinese element, and will carry the State by a large majority.

The receipts at the Treasury to-day from customs amounted to \$691,745; from internal revenue, \$331,829. The amount of national bank notes received there for redemption to-day amounted to \$111,000.

Postmaster General Key informed a visitor this morning that he expected his successor, Mr. Mayard, would take charge of the department next week, and that he would make no more appointments.

Mr. Heckle, of Maryland, is in the city to-day, and expresses the belief that though he will have strong opposition he will secure a re-election.

A letter received here to-day from Senator Atter, of Oregon, says that he will commence an active canvass of his State early next week that the Oregon democracy is better organized than it has been for years past, and that the State will be better canvassed for the democracy than it ever has been before.

The democratic congressional campaign committee is now busily at work, and emphatically "rushing things" in the way of distributing campaign documents. Their text book is printed and will be ready for distribution early next week. Senator Wallace, their chairman, is in the city, and their secretary, General Walker, who is in New York superintending the publication of the text book, will be back by Monday, if not earlier. Among the committee's recently appointed clerks is Mr. Tracy, of Judge Harris' district in Virginia.

The State ticket nominated by the Cincinnati democratic convention yesterday is said to be the strongest that could possibly have been selected. Mr. English, the nominee for Governor, has filled the office several times before, being the first democrat elected after the war, who has beaten General Hawley by 500 votes. He has beaten the strongest men among the republicans of his State, among them Mr. Jewell, whom he defeated twice. Mr. Ford, the candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and all the rest of the ticket are also well known and popular men, and not only know how to win, but have the means to make that knowledge effective, and, what's more to the purpose, will employ them to the utmost required extent. The ticket, it is said, will secure the State to Hancock.

Intelligences from Georgia is to the effect that the republicans will coalesce with the anti-Colquitt democrats of that State and support ex-Senator Norwood for Governor, but that Colquitt will beat him by a large majority, and that the Legislature will be elected, with the Colquitt and Brown influence combined, and the republicans will be in a minority.

The republicans will hold a ratification meeting here to-night, but as it is known that it will be overshadowed by the grand democratic demonstration to be made next week, it has occasioned but little talk.

Affairs in Ireland.

A dispatch from Cork says:

"In consequence of some evidence pointing to the probability of a Fenian plot to blow up the barracks, the guards have been doubled and patrols of eighty men watch the exterior of the barracks nightly. The Press Association has a dispatch saying there is not a word of truth in the reported plot. All alleged suspicious circumstances are denied by the police."

Another dispatch from Cork, last night says: "The gunpowder found in the railway tunnel under the barracks is supposed to be the first installment of a plot to blow up the barracks, and though the authorities made light of the matter, there is undoubtedly some alarm."

The London Times, in its military intelligence column, says the order for the dispatch of 800 more marines to Ireland has been rescinded.

Twenty-two of the Belfast rioters have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment. At Dungannon physicians are treating 28 persons who were wounded by bayonet or ball.

Mr. Forster, chief secretary for Ireland, has left for that country to personally supervise affairs, a serious demonstration being feared.

DEMOCRATS.—The democrats of Okolona, Miss., have passed resolutions denouncing Wm. H. Kernan, the late editor of the Southern States, of that place, as a "coward, radical emigrant, drunkard and hireling," whose utterances in his newspaper have been written to make republican capital at the North. The resolutions assert that Kernan went South from Ohio as a carpet bagger in 1876, and was paid to write the crazy editorial articles which brought the States into notice. Kernan is now a writer on the Chicago Tribune, and is engaged in vigorously denouncing the southern people.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The tax rate in Philadelphia for 1881 promises to be \$1.90 on the \$100, against a present rate of \$2 on the \$100.

Several cases of typhoid fever have appeared on the United States training ship Portsmouth, which arrived at Portsmouth, N. H., yesterday.

An ancient Indian cemetery has been discovered above the snow line on the volcano of Popocatepetl, in Mexico.

Charles T. Graham has entered suit in Washington against A. R. Shenherd to recover \$10,316 due on a note of \$12,000 given in 1870, on which payment suddenly stopped.

A passenger train was wrecked by a washout on the East Tennessee railroad near Knoxville, yesterday, killing one and wounding eighteen persons.

The loss by the fire at Eureka, Nev., is not less than \$750,000. A fire at St. Louis yesterday destroyed Yeager's mill and the risk, the total loss being over \$500,000.

The Reading railroad receivers are cutting down expenses to meet \$1,500,000 due in interest and wages next month; \$11,500,000 have been raised by the company within a year.

An Italian supposed to be Fernando Sternotti, was accidentally killed yesterday while working in an ore bank four miles from the eastern suburbs of Baltimore.

Rev. Mark S. Gross has declined the Catholic bishopric of North Carolina, preferring to continue as pastor of the church in Wilmington.

John W. Brown, a brakeman on a gravel train used at the works on the Boundary street sewer, Washington, fell between two cars on the down grade yesterday, and was run over and killed.

Capt. L. D. Payne, arrested for violating federal laws governing intercourse with the Indian Territory, has arrived at Fort Smith, Ark., and will be tried before United States Judge Parker. Payne denies any intention to settle whites in any territory now allotted to the Indians.

The Secretary of State has transmitted a circular to the ministers representing the United States at the capitals of the several maritime nations of the world inviting those powers to send delegates to an international sanitary conference to be held in Washington, with the view of adopting an international system of notification as to the actual sanitary condition of ports likely to be visited by yellow fever and other contagious diseases. The first day of January next is mentioned as a suitable date for the meeting.

The Knights Templar at Chicago held their competitive drill yesterday. Fifteen thousand people attended at Jockey Club Park. The prize of a trumpet, for the best mounted commandery, was awarded the DeMolay, of Grand Rapids, Mich. The contest for other prizes resulted as follows: First prize, an elegant sword for an eminent commander to Rasper Commandery of Indianapolis; second prize, to DeMolay Commandery of Louisville; third, to Rasmussen Commandery of Dayton, Ohio; fourth, to Rasmussen Commandery of St. Paul. The host has been excessive, and one knight has died and many others are sick. It is said that Washington will be selected as the place for the next convocation.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Russia.—Chinese negotiations will be resumed at St. Petersburg.

Fighting still continues around Candahar, but without decisive results.

Pleuro pneumonia has mid; its appearance on seventeen farms in Lancashire.

The floods in Silesia and East and West Prussia have almost totally destroyed the harvest.

Sir Charles Dilke is suffering from rheumatism, but his condition is not considered serious.

Os Ball, the violinist, died at Bergen, Norway, yesterday, in the 71st year of his age. He was born in Bergen in 1810, and early in life manifested a passion for music.

The Porto has finally decided to cede Dulcigno to Montenegro. Abdulla Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, says he hopes the transfer will be effected without great difficulty.

The event of the day in Spain is a great meeting of the leaders of the Liberal opposition at San Sebastian. General Martinez Campos was present. Very strong language was used against the Canovas del Castillo Cabinet, but no important decision was taken.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Hon. James A. Seldon is very ill at his residence in Goodland county.

John S. Wills has been nominated for Congress by the Mahone readjusters of the Richmond district.

Mrs. Susan L. Henry, widow of the late Capt. Patrick Henry, last surviving grandson of Patrick Henry, of revolutionary fame, died in Washington on Tuesday. Mrs. Henry inherited a considerable property, nearly all of which was lost during the war. For a number of years she was a clerk in the Treasury Department, and at the time of her death had just received an appointment in the Agricultural Bureau.

A Terrible Struggle for Life.

The Winchester Times give a graphic description of the experiences of Charles Drayton, connected with W. C. Oomp's show, in a den of hyenas, in that place Monday morning. The street procession being ready to move, the den of spotted hyenas was placed in position, and Drayton entered the cage as usual, to take his place as master, the door was locked and the key taken back to the tent. As he entered Gabriel, the largest and most ferocious animal, refused to retire to his accustomed place, and Drayton ordered the attendant to proceed to remove some iron bars, but the attendant, who Gabriel made an attack on his master, and the struggle was something terrible to witness. The young animals seemed inclined to befriend their master, but Gabriel was determined to have his life. Drayton had nothing to do but to take his place as master, the door was locked and the key taken back to the tent. 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